

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 403

By Yager

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commemorating the designation of the Douglas E. Wilson Community Center of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the betterment of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, few Tennesseans are more deserving of this honor than the late Douglas "Doug" E. Wilson, who dedicated himself to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens in Rockwood and Roane County; and

WHEREAS, it was with a strong sense of admiration for Mr. Wilson's laudable record of dedicated public service, that the Rockwood City Council and Mayor Mike Miller recently approved the renaming of the Rockwood Community Center as the Douglas E. Wilson Community Center of Rockwood; and

WHEREAS, Doug Wilson was a highly respected member of the Rockwood community who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a Copper Basin High School alumnus, Mr. Wilson graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Doug Wilson owned and operated Wilson's Drug Center from 1967 to 1997, and served as the pharmacist at Rite Aid Pharmacy from 1997 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, evincing a strong commitment to his community, Mr. Wilson was a longstanding member and two-time chairman of the Roane State Foundation Board. He also

served on the Roane County Election Committee, chaired the Chamberlain Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, and served as president of the Rockwood Civitan Club, where he had held membership for forty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Doug Wilson was a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee and served the Democratic Party statewide. He was a former chair of Friends of Scouting Catoosa District of the Great Smoky Mountain Council and was actively involved in numerous civic, professional, and political organizations; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Wilson always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Doug Wilson established an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; in so doing, he helped make it possible for many young people to fulfill their dreams in Rockwood and Roane County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that on the occasion of the Rockwood Community Center being named in his honor, we hereby celebrate the life and honor the memory of Douglas "Doug" E. Wilson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and stalwart commitment to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.